



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2873**

PATENT
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NOZAWA et al.

Application No. 09/899,191

Art Unit: 2873

Filed: July 6, 2001

Examiner: B. Thomas

For: LENS BARREL

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

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Sir:

- Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.
- Other:
- Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount of \$. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.

| | | | | | SMALL ENTITY | | OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY | |
|---|---|-------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| TIME EXTENSION PETITION FEE | | none | | | \$ 0.00 | | \$0.00 | |
| | subtract time extension fee previously paid | | | none | (\$ 0.00) | | (\$ 0.00) | |
| CLAIM FEE | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT | RATE | ADDT. CLAIM FEE | RATE | ADDT. CLAIM FEE |
| TOTAL | 0 | MINUS | 0 | =0 | x 9= | \$ | x 18= | \$ |
| INDEPENDENT | 0 | MINUS | 0 | =0 | x 43= | \$ | x 86= | \$ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE CLAIM | | | | | + 145= | \$ | + 290= | \$ |
| TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE CHARGED TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT | | | | | TOTAL | \$ | TOTAL | \$ |

- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1216.
 - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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